

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 7, 2012

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:35 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair** (Via Conference Call)
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey
Carl Eisenmann, Esq.
Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable John W. Pickard

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Mary Haselkamp, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 4:44 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Keith Zackowitz to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport). The effective date of the appointment is February 10, 2012.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Yue Zheng to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 4:47 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Virginia Knudsen to the position of part-time Public Defender Clerk, Geographical Area 12 (Manchester).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of W. Francis Dambowsky to the position of Investigator I, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Kevin Munn to the federal grant position of part-time Project Assistant, Connecticut Innocence Project, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorney to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Janet R. Perrotti, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 2/17/16.

A discussion took place regarding the outside employment request of Attorney Claudia D. Jones, Hartford Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the outside employment request of Attorney Claudia D. Jones, Hartford Judicial District.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Division's Annual Report for 2010-11. Commission member, Aimee Golbert, abstained from the vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the invoice in the matter of State vs. Joshua Komisarjevsky. Commission Member, Carl Eisenmann, abstained from the vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Leslie K. Cavanagh to the position of Public Defender, Waterbury Judicial District. The effective date of the appointment is February 8, 2012.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender